

**REGULAR MEETING
of the
CITY OF RIALTO
CITY COUNCIL
City of Rialto, acting as Successor Agency to the
Redevelopment Agency
RIALTO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES
December 9, 2014**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rialto was held in the City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

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**Swear In of Newly Elected
Officials**

San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman swore in Council Member Baca Jr.

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Mayor Robertson swore in Council Member Elect Ed Scott.

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Newly Elected Comments

Council Member Joe Baca Jr. stated that it gives him great pleasure to have the opportunity to be on the dais for a third term. He couldn't be there without the support system of his family. As a public official you really don't have days off, and you go to the market and there are people demanding your time. Unless you have a support system at home it makes it difficult to have success. He thanked the heart and soul of his family who he loves very much, his wife Jennifer and daughter Joselyn. The reason why he ran for public office, he thanked his father former Congressman Joe Baca, who has done a lot for the City of Rialto and raised him in Rialto, his mom Barbara Baca. He thanked his other family members and community members who were present. Council Member Joe Baca Jr. stated that when you run for public offices it's a real honor to be up there. It's something they can't take for granted because time goes on and public servants come and go. It's a real honor when people believe in you and vote for you. They believe in what you are trying to accomplish. They have to always remember why they are on the dais and why people voted for them. They can't forget why they are on the dais.

Newly Elected Comments

He thanked Matt Blanco, the president of the Rialto Professional Firefighters and Richard Royce of the Rialto Police Benefits Association. He appreciates them coming out and showing their support. He thanked Supervisor Curt Hagman for coming out here. They have to build bridges and better relationship with their Board of Supervisors and County of Sa Bernardino. He congratulated Joanne Gilbert and thanked her for her service on the Rialto Unified School District Board. They have to build that relationship with the School District. Those kids and families live in our community and they need to continue to work with them. He also, thanked former Mayor Grace Vargas who was in the audience. She did a great job as Mayor. Mayor Deborah Robertson has stepped in and done a great job for us. He has been tagged as a park guy. Because of his passion for parks and what he believes parks do for the community. It's important that they do things beyond parks. Parks is s just a small part of what he believes in. The other thing that is important to him is the Economic Development. They started looking at making sure Rialto remains economically viable. Either they need to continue to provide amenities. They have to look back and say is the best they can do for their residents. He feels they have some things they need to work on. They have to do better for the residents. People always talk about work, shop and eat. Those are things they need to provide to residents. They have some opportunities here. Newly Elected Council Member Ed Scott who brings a lot of economic vision to the City. He looks forward to sharing those visions and working with him and the rest of his colleagues. The other thing is that safety is very important. They look at the safety of the their community, response times and making sure that people feel safe and want to live in this community. These are some the things that are important to him. When it comes to being fiscally responsible, transparent. Those things are important. Those things are not a goal, they should be a given. Those are things they have a duty as elected officials to do. They need to be fiscally responsible. They need to be transparent. He said thank you to the public for giving him the opportunity to serve the public. He looks forward to serving with Shawn O'Connell, Ed Palmer, Mayor Deborah Robertson, and congratulated Council Member Ed Scott.

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Council Member Ed Scott thanked Honorable Mayor Deborah Robertson for swearing him in tonight. That was a special moment for him. He introduced his family, wife Chris, daughter Tanya, son Reggie, granddaughter Ariana, and grandson Aiden. 18 years ago this month, he was sworn in for the first time as a Council Member in the City of Rialto. That night he was sworn in, their son Eddie was there. He was 2 months old. Tonight he is not with them. He is with them in their heart and spirit. He was the glue that kept the family together. He continues to be the glue that keeps their family together.

Newly Elected Comments

Council Member Ed Scott stated that during this election, one of the reasons he ran was about two weeks before his death, his son sat and talked to him and encouraged him to run again. His son knew that he enjoyed being on City Council and knew he liked working for the residents of Rialto. When he died on June 5th he made the commitment to run for office. He did it in honor of him. Some of them may have seen a campaign mailer that got somewhat criticized by an individual in this community. He simply says that, Miles Edward Scott is his passion and his passion for this community. While he wants to work on Economic Development and moving Rialto forward. He also wants to focus on the youth of the community. He wants to focus on education and a relationship between law enforcement and the youth, so another tragic situation like Eddie never happens. In the coming months, as he unfolds this. They will understand what he is talking about and the necessity of them as a community starting to take responsibility for their children and starting to interact with them in a more positive way. They live in a society where the kids are playing games on gadgets and sometimes parents don't pay the attention they should have paid. He was one of those parents. He was too busy doing other things instead of paying attention to what was going on in his life. If he has one commitment to him, it's to never see another child killed in an auto accident as a driver or passenger. He doesn't want to see another family go through what his family has gone through. He doesn't ever want to go to another funeral where he sees a 17 year old child buried in their parents grave. This is his passion, building a bridge between law enforcement and youth. Working on economic development, continuing with some of the projects that he has worked on before. He has lived in this community for 25 years, he loves Rialto. It's a great city and there are great people here. The people he ran against in this election are all his friends. Joe Baca Jr., Joe Britt, Lynn Hirtz. These are all people he cares about and all people well qualified to be sitting there, it just happens to be him. This may be God's gift to him. He assures them that he will work hard for this community. He is going to work hard for their kids. Work hard to make sure they reach out to their youth. He has already met with the Police Chief and Fire Department. They are very interested in becoming actively involved with the youth. Even more so than they are because they are currently really involved. There are other things they can do. That is his goal, his agenda. This is why he is here. Again, he wants to thank everybody for coming out tonight. They had a nice reception earlier. He seen a lot of police officers and a lot of firefighters there and a lot of City staff. It's nice to be back and amongst everybody. Again, they have his commitment to work for the citizens of the community, because this is who they represent. This is who pays their check and who he will support. He looks forward to working with everybody on City Council.

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called by the presiding officer of the Rialto City Council in accordance with the provisions of **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

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The roll was called and the following were present: Mayor Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, Council Members Joe Baca Jr., Shawn O'Connell and Ed Scott. Also present were City Administrator Michael Story, City Clerk Barbara McGee and City Attorney Fred Galante.

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Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Deborah Robertson led the pledge of allegiance and Pastor Harry Bratton, Greater Faith Grace Bible Church gave the Invocation.

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PRESENTATIONS **PROCLAMATIONS**

Ben Nunley, Manager of Motorola Solutions, congratulated the Police Chief and Rialto Police Department for being selected to receive the Webber-Seavey Award for the body worn camera program. This was presented at the 121st International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, FL.

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Fire Captain Matt Blanco gave a presentation regarding Rialto Firefighters Breast Cancer Awareness "Fill the Boot" donations and impact. They presented to 4 local women. They raised \$14,935 in two days.

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Rialto Community Coalition gave a presentation of their accomplishments and thanked the City Council and staff members for their support.

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Mayor Robertson acknowledged that she will be presenting a Resolution recognizing the retirement of School Board President Joanne Gilbert.

She announced the School Board Reception tomorrow.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Josue Castillo, Field Representative for Assemblymember Cheryl Brown presented certificates to new elected Council Members Joe Baca Jr. and Ed Scott.

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REMOVE OR CONTINUE ITEMS

Council Member Ed Scott requested that TAB 4 be removed from the Agenda until he has had time to meet with staff members and the security company to have some questions answered.

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City Administrator Story stated that they will be removing TAB 3 to allow the attorneys to look at that one.

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City Attorney Galante stated that a suggested change, not a removal, of Item E.4 on Consent Calendar. It's on a grant application. The resolution has a timeline to submit that application. The suggestion by staff is to broaden that language to not be limited to the December 9th timeline. But potentially be available to apply for that grant within March deadline. The change would be to remove the language in Section 3 of the Resolution that describes a deadline of December 9th to apply.

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Robb Steel, Development Services Director stated that the Federal Government hasn't adopted a budget yet for this program.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Waive reading in full, all ordinances considered at this meeting.

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B. APPROVAL OF WARRANT RESOLUTIONS

B.1 Resolution No. 21 (12/01/14)

B.2 Resolution No. 21A (12/05/14)

B.3 Resolution No. 21B (12/05/14)

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C.1 Regular City Council Meeting - November 25, 2014

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D. SET PUBLIC HEARING

D.1 Request City Council to set a Public Hearing for January 13, 2015 to Approve the Vacation of Existing Right-of-Way for Laurel Avenue, north of Miro Way and south of Walnut Avenue (APN# 0240-231-13, 28, and 29).

CONSENT CALENDAR

E. MISCELLANEOUS

- E.1 Request City Council to Adopt Resolution No. 6673 Declaring the November 4, 2014 General Election Results and approval of Ordinance No. 1556, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE RIALTO 2014 WHOLESALE LIQUID FUEL STORAGE MEASURE, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.04 OF THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON WHOLESALE LIQUID FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES.
- E.2 Request City Council to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley R. Hoffman and Associates to Update the Fiscal and Market Analysis for the Renaissance Specific Plan for \$49,300 and Adopt Budget Resolution No. 6674.
- E.3 Request City Council to Approve the Construction Plans and Contract Specifications and to Authorize the Release of Request for Bids No.15-046 for the Traffic Signal Installation at Foothill Blvd/Home Depot and Median Improvement on Cedar Avenue, City Project No. 140817.
- E.4 Request City Council to Adopt Resolution No. 6675 Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the United States Economic Development Administration under Section 11.307 - Economic Adjustment Program for the Fiscal Year 15 Funding Cycle.
- E.5 Request City Council to authorize an increase in the amount of \$10,000 to the Purchase Order with the Daily Journal for advertising services for a total amount of \$25,000.
- E.6 Request City Council to increase the Purchase Order amount from \$15,000 to \$32,280.00 for M.H.M. and Associates Enterprise, Inc., for grant fund monitoring, writing and information and adopt Resolution No. 6680.
- E.7 Request City Council to Approve the priority list and recommend the top three sites for design as Community Garden sites.
- E.8 Request City Council to Adopt on Second Reading Ordinance No. 1554 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.28 OF THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CANVASSING, PEDDLING, AND SOLICITING
- E.9 Request City Council to Adopt on Second Reading Ordinance No. 1555 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 6.05.010, 6.05.20, AND 6.05.080 OF THE RIALTO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dennis Barton, 1019 S. Clifford Ave., expressed his gratitude for the passing of Measure U. He thanked all those that were helpful with this and who contributed financially.

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Mayor Robertson stated that she knows that Mr. Barton didn't want any acknowledgement and always played it down. Mr. Barton acknowledged everyone who played a part in it but she does want to take the time to publically acknowledge his leadership and willingness to see it to the end.

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Council Member O'Connell stated that he strongly agrees with the Mayor. He told Mr. Barton that he appreciated all his help and the citizens that helped. It's an inspiration to look back and see them all leading from the front. They mentioned an Advisory Committee, but he was thinking an open forum to have an open discussion to listen to the citizens on where they should spend some of this money. He saw how many groups Mr. Barton talked to and he thanked him.

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Item E.6

Council Member O'Connell stated that he read the staff report and was very impressed with the fact of how much money they will be bringing forward. Based on the standard they have established he would like to request an RFP go out at the beginning of the new year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, second by Council Member Baca Jr., and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Consent Calendar with the correction of item E.4.

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TAB 1 – Rule 20A Underground Utility District No. 9

Amy Crow, Public Works Dept. presented the staff report regarding the Underground Utility Project on Riverside Avenue from Easton to Walnut Avenue.

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Mayor Robertson declared the public hearing open. No one came forward.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, second by Council Member Baca Jr. and carried by unanimous vote to close the public hearing.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, second by Council Member Baca Jr. and carried by unanimous vote to adopt Resolution No. 6676 Establishing Underground Utility District No. 9 (Riverside Avenue - Easton Street to Walnut Avenue) and Authorizing Underground Installation of Overhead Utility Wires and Related Facilities.

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TAB 2 – Rubberized Pavement Grant

Katie Nickel, Public Works Dept. presented the staff report regarding Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Rubberized Pavement Grant.

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Mayor Pro Tem Palmer stated regarding the rubberized asphalt they have previously received, is it going well for the City and is it a good product?

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Katie Nickel, Public Works Dept. that in the past they received these types of grants because of the rubberized asphalt they have been able to put down.

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Council Member O'Connell stated that on behalf of the citizens, he appreciates the extra effort on trying to get grants. They all know the importance of addressing the city streets and getting them repaired. They have discussed that it takes anywhere from \$5-\$7 million a year and they are currently a little over \$1 million and sometimes less.

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Council Member Baca Jr. stated that this great that staff has taken the initiative to find grant money. They also did the action at the last City Council Meeting to roll over \$2.7 million of Measure I money. When the weather is appropriate, if they can make that a priority to address some of the street issues.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, second by Council Member Baca Jr. and carried by unanimous vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6677 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Rubberized Pavement Grant; and Request City Council to delegate authority to the City Administrator to approve and to sign all grant - related documents necessary to implement and close-out the Grant.

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REPORTS

Council Member O'Connell stated that he attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 5th. The City Administrator did a great job as MC. The Christmas Parade is coming up and they will have real snow for the residents. On behalf of his family he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to be safe and they will see everyone at the start of next year.

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Mayor Pro Tem Palmer congratulated Council Member Baca Jr. on his re-election and Council Member Scott on his re-election. He looks forward to working with them again in keeping the City moving forward.

He reminded everybody to remember the reason for the season. To love your family, love your fellow citizens, do something good for somebody. Please be safe out there on the streets.

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Council Member Baca Jr. stated that he attended Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a good event and it was well attended. They need to start to re-look at their events and how they do events to be more inclusive and combine some events. For example, the Police had a toy drive. He would like all of the agencies combined and do one big event as opposed to a lot of different events. They do a lot of good things but individually they do good events but cohesively they really need to come together and start doing some of those things. It was a great event and it was nice. He thanked Andy Carrizales from Coffee Nutzz for donating coffee and cookies. It's nice to see City Hall with a nice look during the holiday season.

He attended the Morgan Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization had a winter wonderland event which was great. At some point, they need reach out to those families and include them in some of their events.

He wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Make sure everyone is safe and enjoy the holidays. A lot of times they take things for granted. They have a lot of nice things and some people don't have what he is very grateful to have. He has a beautiful family, his job and it's something he appreciates. When he went to church one of the messages was to help any organization. Help somebody during the holiday season.

Next Thursday, Coffee Nutzz will be having a jacket collection for needy families. A lot of people do toy drives but not everyone does a jacket giveaway.

He encouraged everyone to come out to the parade and they are praying for good weather. He appreciates what Recreation and staff has done to put together this nice event.

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REPORTS

Council Member Scott wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is the time of season where they should spend with their families and show them how much you love them. He thanked City Clerk Barbara McGee for the nice reception she held for him and Council Member Baca Jr.

He congratulated Council Member Baca Jr. for being re-elected he is a true leader in this community. He is proud to call him his friend.

To his fellow council members he wished them all a Merry Christmas and will see them at the parade.

Merry Christmas to the City staff and everybody who works for the City. He as a resident and business owner very much appreciate the job that the employees do. He commends them for the great jobs they do.

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Mayor Robertson welcomed back the council members that were re-elected. This is the third time for Council Member Scott returning. She looks forward to continuing to work to moving the community forward.

She wasn't able to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony because she had been down with a cold for a week. She saw that it was a wonderful event. She thanked all the staff involved to help make it a special event.

She is looking forward to the parade and hoping it will not rain. She is looking forward to seeing the Grand Marshall who is Sky, a national award winning Best in Show dog.

She had the pleasure of visiting Garcia Elementary where they had the 4th Annual Brightest Star Award Ceremony.

She would like to launch a program focused on the Elementary schools where there will be a Wall of Fame. She asked the parents and teachers to encourage kids to have a Wall of Fame for the kids to display their accomplishments. At the end of the April before School is out she asked them to take a picture of their Wall of Fame and themselves acknowledging their accomplishments and send in for selection of a Grand Prize. A lot of times their focus is always on Middle School and High School. As kids came up to get a little plastic medal, their eyes were lit up because they were so excited.

She has been invited to Preston Elementary. She appreciates when the school calls and ask her if she can come to their Christmas program.

Yesterday she had the pleasure of accompanying the Department Heads to support the Fight on Gabe event in San Bernardino at Mexico Restaurant.

She wished everybody Happy Holidays and be safe. Do something for someone in the community because more than likely there will be somebody that has less than what you have. 2015 will be an exciting year.

REPORTS

Mayor Robertson thanked Dennis Barton and Linda Chapman and all those who supported Measure U. They had to take some action and sadly she has to wait on that next shoe to drop. They will move forward and think positive about it.

She thanked City Clerk Barbara McGee for her support and making sure the City has their best foot forward.

She acknowledged Janet Story, official First Lady, who is outstanding when it comes to having a representative for the community. She has traveled with them not only locally but to all the economic development opportunities. She has really gone out and promotes and advocates for the City of Rialto. It's so fun to watch her work.

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City Administrator Story that tomorrow is the Farmers Market. This Saturday is also the last day to offer Holiday Passport Services.

On behalf of himself and the department heads, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

He congratulated Council Member Joe Baca Jr. and the return of Council Member Ed Scott.

On behalf the employees, Mayor and City Council and their 100% commitment to make this a better place to live, work and play into 2015.

On December 13th at 10am it will be the parade. It will start at Bloomington Ave. and head south on Riverside Ave. to Rialto Park where there will be activities and vendor fair.

On December 20th Santa will be arriving at Sunrise Church for a event there at 2pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, second by Council Member Baca Jr. and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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